Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image storage from which ~~the~~ a stored image is retrievable comprising:

a built-in memory of a large capacity for storing a plurality of image data taken by a digital camera;

a digital circuit for retrieving desired one of the plurality of image data from the built-in memory;

a connector for electric connection with the digital camera for data transmission therewith;

a detector capable of detecting the connection of the digital camera to the connector; and

a controller ~~to have~~ for causing the image storage to receive the image data transmitted from the digital camera through the connector to store the ~~same~~ image data in the built-in memory in response to the detection of the connection by the detector, wherein the controller transmits a signal to the digital camera to delete the image data that has already been transmitted to the image storage and stored in the built-in memory, and the signal is effective to forcibly delete the image data from the digital camera even if the image data is protected against a deletion according to a digital camera setting.

2. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the detector includes a mechanical contact and a sensor for sensing the movement of the mechanical contact.

3. (Currently Amended) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the controller ~~is designed to selectively~~ receives the image data ~~which~~ that is retrievable by the digital circuit.

4. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, further comprising a power source, wherein the controller automatically turns on the power source in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

5. (Currently Amended) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein ~~the function of~~ the controller ~~to have~~ causes the image storage to store the image data ~~is designed to be carried out~~ in accordance with a program~~, which~~ that is started in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

6. (Currently Amended) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the controller automatically transmits a signal to the digital camera to turn on the ~~same~~ digital camera in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

7. (Currently Amended) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein ~~the function of~~ the controller ~~to have~~ causes the image storage to receive the image data ~~is designed to be carried out~~ in accordance with a program~~, which~~ that is started in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

8. (Currently Amended) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the controller ~~includes~~ executes a program to automatically delete an incomplete image data from the built-in memory, which may be caused by an interruption of the image data transmission from the digital camera.

9. (Currently Amended) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the image data is managed in accordance with a directory structure in the digital camera, and wherein the controller ~~has the image storage take over~~ causes at least a part of the directory

structure to be created in the built-in memory when storing the image data transmitted from the digital camera.

10. (Currently Amended) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the digital camera ~~is of a type with~~ includes a rechargeable power source, and the ~~image storage further comprising a second~~ controller ~~to~~ automatically ~~allow~~ causes the rechargeable power source to be charged in response to a termination of the image data transmission from the digital camera to the image storage.

11. (Currently Amended) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the controller automatically transmits a signal to the digital camera to turn off the ~~same~~ digital camera in response to a termination of the image data transmission from the digital camera to the image storage.

12. (Currently Amended) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the digital camera ~~is of a type with~~ includes a rechargeable power source, and the image storage ~~further comprising~~ includes a power source, wherein the controller automatically turns off the power source of the image storage in response to a completion of ~~a~~ charging ~~for~~ of the rechargeable power source of the digital camera.

13-15. (Canceled) .

16. (Currently Amended) The image storage according to claim ~~13~~ 1, ~~wherein the image storage~~ further comprising a user interface ~~for confirming a user in advance~~ that receives user input on whether ~~or not the signal may~~ to forcibly delete the image data from the digital camera even if the image data is protected against ~~a~~ the deletion.

17-75. (Canceled)

76. (Currently Amended) The image storage according to claim 1, further comprising an adapter ~~that intervenes~~ coupled between the digital camera and the image

storage, wherein the connection and the image data transmission are carried out via ~~said~~ the adapter.

77. (Previously Presented) The image storage according to claim 76, wherein the adapter includes a terminal for connecting to the digital camera when the digital camera is coupled with the adapter, and thereby the digital camera is capable of data communication with the adapter.

78. (New) A camera system comprising:

a digital camera having an internal storage capable of storing image data of plural images, and the digital camera capable of protecting specified ones of the plural images from deletion while other images are not protected from deletion;

an external storage connectable with the digital camera;

a detector that detects a connection between the digital camera and the external storage; and

a controller that causes the digital camera to transmit the image data stored in the internal storage of the digital camera, from the internal storage to the external storage, after the detector detects the connection between the digital camera and the external storage, and the controller automatically causing the deletion from the internal storage of the digital camera only the image data that was transmitted and that is not protected from deletion.

79. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, wherein the detector includes a mechanical contact and a sensor for sensing the movement of the mechanical contact.

80. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, wherein the controller selectively receives the image data that is retrievable from the internal storage.

81. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, further comprising a power source for the external storage, wherein the controller automatically turns on the power source in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

82. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, wherein the controller causes the external storage to store the image data in accordance with a program that is started in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

83. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, wherein the controller automatically transmits a signal to the digital camera to turn on the digital camera in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

84. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, wherein the controller causes the external storage to receive the image data in accordance with a program that is started in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

85. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, wherein the controller executes a program to automatically delete an incomplete image data from the external storage, which is caused by an interruption of the image data transmission from the digital camera.

86. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, wherein the image data is managed in accordance with a directory structure in the digital camera internal storage, and wherein the controller causes at least a part of the directory structure to be created in the external storage when storing the image data transmitted from the digital camera.

87. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, wherein the digital camera includes a rechargeable power source, and the controller automatically causes the rechargeable power source to be charged in response to a termination of the image data transmission from the digital camera to the external storage.

88. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, wherein the controller automatically transmits a signal to the digital camera to turn off the digital camera in response to a termination of the image data transmission from the digital camera to the external storage.

89. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, wherein the digital camera includes a rechargeable power source, and the external storage includes a power source, wherein the controller automatically turns off the power source of the external storage after completion of charging of the rechargeable power source of the digital camera.

90. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, further comprising a user interface that receives user input on whether to forcibly delete the image data from the digital camera internal storage even if the image data is protected against a deletion.

91. (New) The camera system according to claim 78 further comprising an adapter coupled between the digital camera and the external storage, wherein the connection and the data transmission are carried out via the adapter.

92. (New) The camera system according to claim 91, wherein the adapter includes a terminal for connecting to the digital camera when the digital camera is coupled with the adapter, and thereby the digital camera is capable of data communication with the adapter.

93. (New) The camera system according to claim 78, wherein the internal storage of the digital camera is removable.